

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF[261]**

**Notice of Intended Action**

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 15.104 and 15.106, the Iowa Department of Economic Development gives Notice of Intended Action to adopt amendments to Chapter 27, “Neighborhood Stabilization Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program is a 100 percent federally funded program whose intent is to address the economic housing crisis. The initial funding was created by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act in 2008. The State of Iowa received \$21,607,197 from the first allocation. The primary goal of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program is to put foreclosed or abandoned residential properties back into productive use. The program also allows for demolition of blighted properties that are no longer productive or safe.

The proposed amendments address changes made to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in the third allocation of funding (NSP3). The State of Iowa will be receiving \$5 million from the third allocation. The State of Iowa has amended the application pool of eligible subrecipients based upon the aggressive expenditure deadlines mandated for NSP3 and new eligibility criteria provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Also, the NSP3 Notice of Funds Availability redefined some eligible activities and implemented activity expenditure limits.

Public comments concerning the proposed amendments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on June 7, 2011. Interested persons may submit written or oral comments by contacting Elyse Shindelar, Iowa Department of Economic Development, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; telephone (515)229-6172; or E-mail [Elyse.Shindelar@iowa.gov](mailto:Elyse.Shindelar@iowa.gov).

The Department will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, from 2 to 3 p.m. to receive comments on these amendments. The public hearing will be held in the Tourism Room, Iowa Department of Economic Development, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 9504B**. The content of that submission is incorporated by reference. The Adopted and Filed Emergency amendments became effective on April 22, 2011, but in order to allow for public comment, the amendments are also published under Notice of Intended Action.

As required under Executive Order Number 71, the jobs impact statement for this rule making is as follows:

- There will be no cost incurred for entities implementing and complying with this rule making.
  - The proposed rule making will positively impact job creation in the private sector. The primary activities include acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition and redevelopment. Throughout Iowa these activities are primarily performed on an open bid process. Any cleared contractor may bid on the projects.
  - The categories of jobs and employment opportunities as a result of this rule making will be to the real estate, construction, development, suppliers, skilled trades and finance/insurance fields. An estimated 60-70 residential units will be assisted with NSP3, which could result in the service or supplies of over 200 individuals/companies. Eligible communities for NSP3 funding: Des Moines, Waterloo, Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Burlington, Perry, Cedar Rapids, Boone, Guthrie Center and Shenandoah.
  - The rule making is unlikely to incur additional costs to the employer on a per-employee basis.
- These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 15.